

Home Missions and Sunday-school missionary of the West Lexington Presbytery. Address him at Lexington, Ky., box 24. The full program will be announced in a few weeks.

A CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WAR FUND.

In view of the present unsettled condition of the country, the uncertainties as to transportation, and the necessity for the conservation of our resources in all possible ways, the trustees of the United Society of Christian Endeavor believe it is the patriotic, and therefore the Christian, course to postpone for one year the International Convention of Christian Endeavor, which has been announced to be held in New York in July next, and preparations for which have been nearly perfected. And the trustees suggest to all Christian Endeavorers who have already registered or have planned to become delegates that they contribute the amount of the Convention expense to a Christian Endeavor Relief Fund, to be used in the discretion of Dr. Clark and his associates in office for the relief of Christian Endeavor distress and the rehabilitation of Christian Endeavor work in war-smitten lands after peace has come. In this way the Christian Endeavorers of the United States can manifest their spirit of world-union and universal brotherhood.

VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION.

The Virginia Christian Endeavor Union will hold its annual convention in Norfolk on May 23, 24 and 25. It will be especially interesting this year on account of the Union being organized twenty-five years ago.

The State Convention will be given special attention owing to the postponement until next year, or until after the war, of the great International Convention, which was to have been held in New York City in July.

The principal speakers will be Daniel A. Poling, Associate President of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, Boston, Mass.; Karl Lehmann, Southern States Secretary, Birmingham, Ala.; President W. A. Harper, Elon College, N. C.; Rev. C. Morgan Compher, Washington, D. C.; Dr. James Lewis Howe, of Washington & Lee University, Lexington, Va.; Dr. E. T. Wellford, Newport News, Va., and other of the former presidents, will be present or send greetings.

The convention will open on Wednesday night, May 23rd, in the Memorial Christian Temple.

The address of welcome will be made by Hon. Wyndam R. Mayo, mayor of the city.

The conferences on Thursday and Friday will be most helpful, with so many noted workers.

One session will be a sunset meeting at Virginia Beach. Plans are being made for a great civic mass meeting to be addressed by Mr. Poling on Friday night, May 25th. Mr. Poling is one of the foremost prohibitionists and civic orators of the United States.

Summer excursion rates are available on all railroads and boat lines. Delegates should register before May 18th with Mrs. Ethel Holland, 1635 Willoughby avenue, Norfolk, Va. Registration fee will be 50c, and can be paid upon arrival.

Delegates planning to attend are urged to register promptly, owing to the probable large attendance, and assignments cannot be promised after May 18th.

Be noble! and the nobleness that lies in other men, sleeping but never dead, will rise in majesty to meet thine own.—Lowell.

A WAR PROGRAM FOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

By Daniel A. Poling,
Citizenship Superintendent of the
United Society of Christian
Endeavor.

The message of Christian Endeavor for war times is exactly the same message that Christian Endeavor has always had for the young people of the Church. In the present crisis it places emphasis first of all upon vital Christian living, Christian testimony, and Christian service. It enlarges itself by accepting many peculiar tasks that armed conflict enjoins upon all patriotic citizens.

The citizenship department of the United Society submits the following recommendations to Christian Endeavor unions and societies:

1. Keep a careful record of all Christian Endeavorers enlisting. Do not lose track of a single one who enters national service. This applies not only to military and naval branches of the service but to the Red Cross as well, and to men and women. The responsibility that we will carry—we who remain at home—for holding "for Christ and the church" our young men who go to the front will be very great. They should have regular communications from us, and we should see to it that they are supplied at once with Testaments.

The British Endeavorers have written hundreds of thousands of personal letters to the boys in France. Some of the known results from this correspondence are very inspiring.

It is interesting to note that in the Province of Manitoba there has already been an average enlistment of eight Endeavorers from each society.

2. Christian Endeavorers who volunteer should accept at once responsibility for some definite religious service. The Endeavorers of the 1st Iowa Brigade on duty at Brownsville, Tex., formed a Christian Endeavor society which has done splendid work. For seven weeks they took charge of the evening Young Men's Christian Association services, which were attended by 650 men. They were instrumental in forming Christian Endeavor societies in two of the Brownsville churches, and these societies are now doing very effective work.

Canadian Endeavorers have done splendidly in forming prayer groups in the trenches. What an opportunity they have had to do personal work!

Support the Red Cross.

3. Let every union in the country at once offer its organized support to the local unit of the Red Cross. We are needed for social-welfare work at home, and there will be demands for many of us for medical and nursing service, for motor-driving, and in the health and sanitary branches.

(a) The Sagamore, Mass., union is now raising funds to purchase and equip a hospital ambulance.

(b) English Endeavorers have organized hundreds of knitting-clubs, and thousands of woollen garments have been turned over to the Red Cross by them.

(c) Juniors can make gift-boxes and bandages. Thousands of comfort-bags containing sewing supplies, etc., should be supplied the army and navy.

(d) The Floating Department of the British Union supports a superintendent who visits all the training-ships, supplying the men with Testaments and other good reading matter. This representative also distributes comfort bags.

(e) Local societies not in unions should communicate with the nearest Red Cross headquarters, and learn just what they may do to be of the most service.

4. A few trained union leaders will find special opportunities to make

their lives count in training camps under the Young Men's Christian Association. Men desiring to invest their lives in this way should confer at once with the general secretary of the local Young Men's Christian Association.

The United Society of Christian Endeavor, in the interests of efficiency and economy, will employ and co-operate with existing agencies rather than create new departments of its own.

Christian Endeavor and Training Camps.

5. Christian Endeavor unions near training camps should make definite plans to reach the young soldiers.

(a) Religiously and

(b) Socially.

Bring the men into your prayer meetings without delay.

Prohibition a War Measure.

6. Every citizenship superintendent should enter heartily the campaign to destroy the liquor traffic, as a war measure. Secure signatures to some such petition as this:

"In the interests of national preparedness, efficiency, and public morals. I favor immediate national prohibition as a war measure."

The united temperance forces will have a complete plan of campaign for presentation almost immediately. Send the petitions, unless otherwise instructed, to the Christian Endeavor headquarters, 31 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston, Mass.

The Food Supply.

7. Plant gardens. Help conserve and increase the food supply of the world by reclaiming vacant land in your city and town. Why not plant vegetables in every yard, front as well as back? Why not thus utilize church lawns? An agricultural college bulletin recently stated that old lawns would be greatly benefited by being ploughed under and planted to potatoes. Half the world is hungry today. Our scientists tell us that two-thirds of the world will be slowly starving in another twelve months if the war continues so long. We must help to feed the people, and the poor of our own cities are our first responsibility.

Keep the Home Fires Burning.

8. Keep the home fires burning. The Church of God—and her young people must mightily help here—has a stupendous burden placed upon her. She carries the missionary obligation of the whole world, home and foreign. There will be a tendency to cut down all contributions for regular religious activities, but such retrenchment must not be allowed. Hold fast to first things in these trying times. Remember that the program of the kingdom is not changed by war, and that our country is not worth dying for if she loses her own soul. Maintain and strengthen the home base by giving even more largely of yourselves and your money to the Sunday-school, the prayer meeting, the Christian Endeavor Society, and every other department of organized religious activity.

The Spirit of Our Service.

And finally, whether we go to the front under arms or serve in the relief or remain at home, our spirit must be the spirit of Him "whose we are and whom we serve." President Wilson's message is first of all a Christian document; the breath of hatred is not in it. Our consecration to the cause of civilization and the program of our country must be as clean of selfishness as the words of our trusted leader. We will not forget that we are a movement for "Christ and the Church," nor will we forget that our brother Endeavorers in Germany suffer too. And as I heard a great-hearted Canadian pastor pray for them—a pastor whose two brothers were at the front with the Canadian forces—so we will pray for them.

Patriotism must be to us more than

a shout, more than a brief frenzy of excitement. It must be what the President has defined it, "the spirit of service and of sacrifice." We must give our best, we must give our all, and this we will do, "trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength."

Miscellaneous

\$3,000,000 MARK PASSED.

The \$3,000,000 mark has been passed in the effort to raise funds for the relief of war sufferers in Western Asia. This fact was announced in a conference held by the Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief in New York City April 14th and 15th. It was also stated that on the day the conference met an additional installment of \$50,000 had been cabled. This and many other interesting and important facts were brought out at this meeting which was attended by nearly two hundred persons, including members of the committee and also twenty-three missionaries with others who had actually witnessed the perpetration of atrocities in Turkey and had personally assisted in the work of relief. Former Ambassador to Turkey Mr. Henry Morgenthau, who served as chairman of the Central Relief Committee while he was in Constantinople, made an address which thrilled all who heard it. His advice, given in response to a question was that the committee should set as its immediate goal \$10,000,000, and he expressed the belief that this sum can easily be secured. Personally he is giving a large amount of time and thought to making this possible.

Mr. Morgenthau fully recognizes the magnitude of the task before the committee, but considered it none too big for the United States to back up, as he put it.

"And you will be surprised," he said, "by the way the country will support you. Lots of things are surprising today; a month ago who would have thought that a Democratic Congress would even consider universal training, conscription and the other measures now before it?"

"Peace is near now; we can feel it without doubt. But that need not prevent us from giving generously. We shall need it after the war."

"The State Department feels there will be no great trouble to get money through to the sufferers. We hope and trust that two of the channels of communication, Bulgaria and Turkey, will not sever their relations with us. If they do other means of communication will remain."

Mr. Morgenthau said that the people of Turkey were welcoming America's entry into the war, for the reason that it will aid them in securing a more democratic form of government. The former ambassador declared that it would not be anticipating too much to expect Syria and Armenia to become autonomous branches of which ever government they may be under. He did not hesitate to express his belief that the war will terminate within six months, because of the democratic movement sweeping over the world.

Miss Caroline Holmes, who has spent thirty-two years in Turkey, having organized the first and only "settlement" there, quoted from authentic reports she had just received from Egypt, that of the 750,000 original inhabitants of Syria (not including the Lebanon or Palestine), 20,000 were lost in the war with Italy and in the Balkans; 70,000 have joined the Turkish army, of whom 25,000 have been wounded or killed or have died of illness. It was estimated that on the